

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 4, with the following:

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- Figure 2 depicts the eight terminals of an output connector COS comprising:
- a terminal RST for resetting,
 - a terminal V_{pp} for the programming voltage,
 - a terminal V_{cc} for the supply voltage,
 - a terminal CLK for the clock signal,
 - a terminal I/O for the data signals,
 - a terminal GND for the earth potential,
 - a terminal FUSE 1 for a first programming fuse,
 - a terminal FUSE 2 for a second programming fuse.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claims:

9. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 1, wherein said customizing machine comprises a plurality of customizing stations, each of which is connected to said management interface via a respective bi-directional link.

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10. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 1, comprising a plurality of customizing machines, each of which is connected to said management interface via at least one respective bi-directional link.

11. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 10, wherein each customizing machine comprises a plurality of customizing stations, each of which is connected to said management interface via a respective bi-directional link.

12. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 1 wherein said data server includes a plurality of devices that deliver customizing data and that are connected to said management interface via respective serial links.

13. (New) A smart card customizing system, comprising:
a plurality of customizing stations that send requests for customizing data;
a plurality of devices that deliver customizing data; and
a management interface connected to each of said customizing stations via respective serial links and to each of said devices via respective serial links, and that is responsive to requests received from said customizing stations to deliver them to an available one of said devices, and to transmit customizing data delivered by said devices in response to said requests to the requesting customizing stations.

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14. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 13 wherein said management interface includes a computer having a multiport card connected to said serial links, and a multi-tasking system responsive to said requests for addressing said devices via said multiport card.

15. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 13 wherein said devices provide cryptographic data.

16. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 15 further including a control device that provides additional customizing data to said customizing stations.

17. (New) The smart card customizing system of claim 16 wherein said control device is connected to said customizing stations by means separate from said serial links.
